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For: GAME APPARATUS, GAME PROGRAM, STORAGE MEDIUM STORING GAME  
PROGRAM AND GAME CONTROL METHOD

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability issued for the above-identified application on February 7, 2011 included an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicants note that the Examiner's statement recites language from independent claim 1 and groups the recited language in relation to claims 3, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 30, and 31 (e.g., "As per claims 1, 3, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 30, and 31..."). Applicants disagree with the grouping of the above claims to the language of claim 1 to the extent that the Examiner's Statement may differ from the explicit language required by allowed claims 3, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 30, and 31.

Similarly, the Examiner's Statement also recites features of claim 27 and groups the express recitation in with claim 29. Applicants disagree with the Examiner's statement with respect to claim 27 to the extent that the Examiner's statement may differ from the explicit language of claim 29.

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